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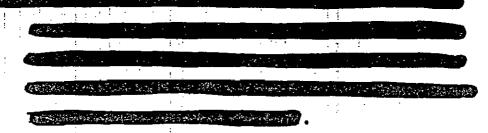
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- SANTIAGO RADIOS CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT A NUMBER OF MILITARY PERSONNEL HAD BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH A POSSIBLE COUP ATTEMPT.)
  - 2. PRESIDENT EDUARDO F R E I , GENERAL VICENTE
    H U E R T A (HEAD OF THE CARBINEROS), MINISTER OF INTER-

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IOR PATRICIO ROJAS, AND LUIS JASPARD © IRECTOR
GENERAL OF INVESTIGACIONES) HAVE KNOWN FOR A MONTH THAT A MILITARY PLOT HAS BEEN IN THE MAKING. THEY HAVE FIRM EVIDENCE THAT
GENERAL (R) HORACIO GAMBOA, FORMER HEAD OF THE SANTIAGO
GARPISON, WAS HEADING THIS CONSPIRACY AND WAS IN TOUCH WITH
GENERAL (R) ROBERTO VIAUX, HEAD OF THE OCTOBER TACNAZO.
VIAUX WAS GIVING THE MOVEMENT MORAL SUPPORT AND WAS WAITING
FOR IT TO CALL HIM TO COMMAND THE CHILEAN ARMED FORCES.

IN MID-FEBRUARY THAT GAMBOA AND GENERAL (R) HECTOR

M A R T I N E Z WERE HEADING AN ARMY COUP MOVEMENT WHICH

MIGHT ACT IN MARCH OR APRIL AND THAT VIAUX MIGHT BE LEADER

OF THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT SET UP BY THE GROUP.)

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3. ON 23 OR 24 MARCH THE GROUP ISSUED A PROCLAMATION NAMING VIAUX COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE CHILEAN ARMED FORCES. GAMBOA WAS BEHIND THE PROCLAMATION ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT NAMED IN IT.

A. AS A RESULT OF THE PROCLAMATION SOME 12-14 MILITARY
PERSONNEL WHO HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN THE GAY STREET MEETING OF

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DECEMBER 1969 AND SOME ENLISTED MEN FROM THE "YUNGAY" REGIMENT IN SAN FELIPE WERE ARRESTED. MAJOR (R) ARTURO MARSHALL, FORMERLY OF THE "YUNGAY" REGIMENT, IS IN HIDINGAND IS BEING SOUGHT. AMONG THE ARRESTED WERE LT. COL. EDGARDO FUENZALIDA, CAPT. RAUL DROGUETT,
LT. JOAQUIN MOLINA, THREE SERGEANTS FIRST CLASS,
ONE CORPORAL, CAPT. (R) ENRIQUE MIRAAD, AND LT. (R)
VICTOR CATALAN.

- 5. VIAUX IS AT HOME IN BED IN TRACTION AS THE RESULT OF A RECENT AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT. HIS HOME IS SURROUNDED BY FIFTY MEMBERS OF THE CARABINERO GRUPO MOVIL AND FIFTY DETECTIVES FROM INVESTIGACIONES. COMMENT. THIS IS PROBABLY THE END OF VIAUX, POLITICALLY SPEAKING.)
- G. THE CARABINEROS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY ARE CONFINED
  TO QUARTERS IN A STATE OF ALERT AS ARE ALL ARMED FORCES IN
  SANTIAGO. COMMENT. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE
  CARABINEROS ARE LOYAL TO THE GOVERNMENT.) INVESTIGATION AS OF 25 MARCH SHOWS THAT NO ONE IN THE
  NAVY AND AIR FORCE WAS INVOLVED IN THE PLOT.

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